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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

U.S. Patent No. 4,958,233, issued September 18, 1990;

U.S. Patent No. 4,810,603, issued March 7, 1989;

U.S. Patent No. 4,785,332, issued November 15, 1988;

U.S. Patent No. 5,040,018, issued August 13, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 6,218,068, issued April 17, 2001;

Japanese Patent No. 63-199346 (w/ Abstract), published August 17, 1988; and

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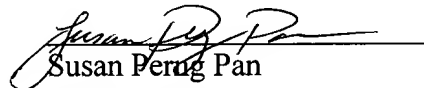
European Patent No. EP 0 412 570, published February 13, 1991.

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